REMARKS

With this amendment, Claims 1-10 have been amended. Claims 32-33, 38 and 40-41 are cancelled. Claims 42-51 are new. Now pending are Claims 1-10, 30-31, 34-37, 39, and 42-51.

Double Patenting Rejections

Claims 1-10 and 30-35 stand rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-13 of U.S. Patent No. 6,523,124. Applicants has amended the claims to overcome the double-patenting rejection. As such, reconsideration of this rejection is respectfully requested.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e)

Claims 1-10 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,859,970 to Pleso (hereinafter "Pleso"). While Applicant maintains the previous arguments, Applicant notes that amended independent Claim 1, amended independent Claim 36, and new independent Claim 44 contain additional features that are distinguishable over Pleso.

Claim 1, for example, recites: "suspending execution of at least a portion of a program that would otherwise reduce a power consumption of the portable computing device after a given duration of inactivity." While Pleaso may teach that a portable device becomes active when connected to a docking station for a LAN network, it does not teach suspending a program (or portion thereof) that would reduce power consumption after a duration of inactivity. To the contrary, FIG. 5 (steps 158-162) and associated text in the specification of Pleso make no mention of a duration of inactivity preceding a feature that reduces power consumption of the device.

Claims 2-10 depend from claim 1 and include further limitations thereon. Claims 30, 31, 34 and 35 also depend from Claim 1, as do new Claims 42-43. Consequently, Applicants respectfully submit that the dependent are distinct and patentable over Pleso for the same reasons given with reference to independent Claim 1.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

Among other features, independent Claim 36 recites "responsive to receiving the power signal from the accessory device, suspending a feature for reducing power consumption of the portable computing device after a given duration of inactivity." As described with Claim 1, Pleso does not teach or suggest a device that operates a program that reduces power consumption after a duration of inactivity. Pleso simply operates in two modes, based on whether the device is connected or not.

Claims 37 and 39 depend from Claim 36, and are patentable for reasons provided with independent Claim 36.

New Claims

For reasons that include arguments presented above, Applicant submits independent Claim 44, and dependent Claims 45-52 are also patentably distinct from Pleso.
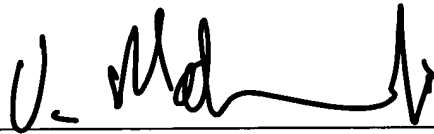
CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that this application is in condition for allowance. The allowance of the claims is earnestly requested. The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned if there are any issues that remain to be resolved prior to allowance of the claims.

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